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made, shall be deemed, construed and taken, to have passed, descended, L. H. J. Liber No. 51 operated and enured, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as fully and effectually as they would have done if such Patent had issued to such Settler or Vendor, prior to such Settlement or purchase by such Alien, and as if such Alien and the several Persons claiming by, from or under him, were natural born Subjects of this Province. Provided always, That nothing herein before contained. shall be deemed, construed or taken, to defeat or destroy any Estate or Title from the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, to any other Person who has already taken Advantage of any the Defects aforesaid; but that such Estate and Title shall remain, continue and be, in the same Plight, State and Condition, it would have been had this Act never been made; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

VI. And as an Encouragement to Foreigners to settle in this Province; Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent

aforesaid, That all Aliens now actually inhabiting and residing, or p. 268 who shall hereafter inhabit and reside, within this Province, who shall take and subscribe the Oath, and make, repeat and subscribe the Declaration appointed by an Act made in the first Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, entituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors, or who being of the People called Quakers, or others conscientiously refusing to take an Oath, shall make and subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity, and take and affirm the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, appointed and prescribed by an Act made in the Eighth Year of his said late Majesty, entituled, An Act for granting the People called Quakers, such Forms of Affirmation or Declaration as may remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under; and also make and subscribe the Profession of his Christian Belief, appointed and prescribed by an Act made in the first Year of their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, entituled, An Act for exempting their Majesties Protestant Subjects from the Penalties of certain Laws, before the Provincial Court of this Province, shall from thenceforth be, and shall be deemed, adjudged and taken, to be the King's natural born Subjects of this Province, as fully, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as if they and every of them were actually born here; of all which Proceedings, with the Names of the several Persons so naturalized, the said Court shall cause a fair Entry to be made amongst their Records. Provided nevertheless, That no Person naturalized by Virtue of this Act, shall be capable to be of either House of Assembly, or to enjoy any Civil Office or